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TO : Chief, ICAPS

DATE: 22 May 1947

FROM : Advisor for Management, ICAPS

SUBJECT: Substitution of the "Daily Summary of Significant Foreign Broadcasts" for the "A" and "X" Wire Services

1. Attached is the OCD report of the survey made by that office covering the necessity for continuing the "A" and "X" wire services of FBIB to the IAB agencies.

2. The recommendation of the Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination contained in paragraph 5a of his memorandum is inconclusive in that he makes no specific recommendation for or against continuing the "A" and "X" wire services. The recommendations contained in the report of survey are similarly inconclusive.

3. The reaction of the users ranges from an indication that these services are of no value to an expression of opinion of two users that the services are absolutely essential (see Tab C).

4. After a careful study of the report of survey and the covering report from the Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination, I am of the opinion that the "A" and "X" wire services are in the "luxury" class and are not essential to the efficient performance of the intelligence missions of the users. Their continuation could be justified only on the basis of political expediency. I am also of the opinion that the discontinuance of this wire service, without expansion of the "Daily Summary of Significant Broadcasts," would have no vital effect on the timeliness of the intelligence product of the users. I do not believe we can afford to expend annually under such circumstances.

5. I recommend that action be taken to discontinue the "A" and "X" wire services of FBIB without attempting to substitute an expansion of the "Daily Summary of Significant Broadcasts" for this service.

6. Request ICAPS concurrence in the above recommendation, and the transmittal of an agreed ICAPS recommendation to the Director for his action.



Colonel, AED

2 Inclosures

1. Memo dtd 20 May fr OCD, above subj
2. Report of Survey Project No. 15B, above subj.
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